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Gov. Rauner Nominates Maggie Hickey to Serve as Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor



Gov. Rauner has nominated Maggie Hickey to serve as Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor. Ms. Hickey began her service in the office on Monday, July 13 in an acting capacity. If confirmed by the Senate, her term will run through June 30, 2018.

Ms. Hickey came to the OEIG directly from the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, where she has worked since 2004.

"I am honored to serve the people of Illinois as Executive Inspector General," she said.

Ms. Hickey has an extensive legal background. With the US Attorney, she prosecuted health care fraud, money laundering and tax violations, and briefed and argued appeals. More recently, she served as the Executive Assistant US Attorney, overseeing a staff of approximately 300 employees and acting as Chief Operating Officer managing the budget and hiring. She served on the Capital Case Review Committee and chaired the Diversity Committee.

Prior to her time with the US Attorney, Ms. Hickey served the US Senate as Chief of Staff to US Senator Peter Fitzgerald and as Investigative Counsel for the Committee on Governmental Affairs. She previously worked as an Assistant US Attorney in the Criminal Division for the Southern District of West Virginia, and began her career with Reed Smith in Los Angeles.

She is on the Board of Directors of the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago. She resides with her family in Cook County, and will work from, and receive mail at, both the Chicago and Springfield offices.

OEIG Human Services and Transportation Investigations Become Public

The Executive Ethics Commission released redacted versions of two OEIG final summary reports on June 29, 2015.

One OEIG investigation addressed misconduct at the Department of Human Services (DHS). The OEIG found that DHS Caseworker Laroddica White, who was responsible for determining eligibility for benefits, among other duties, had improperly accessed government databases containing DHS client information, including DHS customers' social security numbers and current addresses. Ms. White then provided the information to her former boyfriend, who used it in connection with his private business, a vehicle repossession company. The OEIG recommended that Ms. White be terminated. DHS concurred, and Ms. White resigned during termination proceedings. The case is *In re: Laroddica White, Case # 12-01662*.

A separate OEIG investigation examined multiple allegations that a Department of Transportation (DOT) employee had misused State resources. The OEIG found that Operations Manager William Helm made excessive personal phone calls during paid work time, including 41 hours of personal phone calls in a six-month period. The OEIG also found that Mr. Helm, who resigned from the State during the course of the investigation, misused a personally-assigned State vehicle by visiting non-employees during work hours, driving non-employees in the State vehicle during work hours, and violating red light traffic laws during non-work hours. The OEIG recommended that a copy of the report be placed in Mr. Helm's personnel file and that DOT recoup the financial loss resulting from his misconduct. DOT concurred, and has demanded payment to recoup the loss. The case is *In re: William Helm, Case # 11-02070*.